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**NEW PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53****BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This application claims priority from U.S. provisional application no. 60/245,412, filed November 2, 2000, the entire content of which is incorporated herein by reference.

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Specification	23 pages
Claims	28 claims
Abstract	1 page
Declaration	pages
Assignment	pages (including cover sheet)
Drawing(s)	2 sheets
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**CLAIMS**

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Basic Filing Fee				\$710.00
Total Claims				
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Independent Claims				
5	3	2 x	\$80 =	\$160.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				
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